

LAST EDITION. IN DREAD SIBERIA. Awful Experiences Related by an American Sea Captain.

Shut Up in a Coal Mine for Poaching in Russian Waters.

Fellow Sailors Failed to Survive the Monstrously Cruel Punishment.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) BOSTON, Feb. 9.—The Herald this morning prints the terrible story of the imprisonment of four New England sailors—one of them born in Boston—for two years and ten months in a Siberian coal mine.

One American died, after starving upon rice soup and being eaten by vermin. This seems also to have been the fate of the twelve or fifteen Japanese who made up the rest of the crew.

The first member of this little party to reach home after being mourned as dead is Capt. Joseph W. Morris, of this city.

He had made one successful expedition to the islands in Behring sea, and then he tried it again, with the schooner Helena, manned by four American and twenty-two Japanese sailors.

C. C. Crocker, of Seaport, Me., was second mate, Buck Folger, of Nantucket, was third mate, and J. C. Golder, of Bath, was ship's clerk.

The schooner made a successful run to the islands, secured a full cargo of skins, and was headed for Yokohama when a Russian man-of-war overhauled her.

Part of the crew were killed by volleys from the man-of-war, according to Capt. Morris's story. The others were taken to Vladivostok, where they were kept under guard until after their trial. They were refused hotel and other accommodations and had to live out of doors, sleeping nights in holes in the bank, lined with dry grass.

After the trial, the evidence against them being given in the Russian tongue and they not knowing a word of it, they were taken to the coal mines at Nizhniok, where they were sentenced to hard labor for three years, says Capt. Morris.

Our names were called one by one and each of us received from the interpreter a paper stating that each must dig and send up from the mine five carloads of coal a day.

If the stated amount of coal did not come up no rations would be sent down, so that if any of us were sick we would have to starve to death.

"We were first to go down, and I did not again see the light of day for two years and ten months. I was left in a pit 300 feet long and about 30 wide.

"The darkness was so intense that I was never able to see but a few feet in front of me. After I had been down a little while I saw a light at the other end of the pit. I at once went towards it, and there behind the light of the most powerful light I ever saw in my life.

"It was a man six feet tall and built in proportion to his height. He was dressed in a blue coat and trousers, and he had a white shirt and a white necktie. He was looking at me with a steady gaze, and he was smiling at me.

"On seeing me he let out a savage yell, and came towards me rapidly, talking in Russian. He was holding a long stick in his right hand, and he was waving it at me. He then went back to his place, and he was looking at me with a steady gaze, and he was smiling at me.

THEY SAY IT WAS RAY'S BODY. Affidavits by Three Men Who Knew Robert Ray Hamilton.

Commissioner Carvalho Told that There were Bullet Wounds on the Corpse.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Commissioner David N. Carvalho, who has been appointed by the State Board of Prisoners, has been called to testify in the case of Robert Ray Hamilton, who was killed in a fight with a Russian man-of-war.

He has advised from New York stating that Gen. Howard started last Tuesday with the document authorizing Prof. Carvalho to act. Gen. Howard's arrival is expected hourly.

As soon as the commission is received Prof. Carvalho will go to Sargent's Ranch, near where the body supposed to be Hamilton's was found, and to Marymeyer, where it was buried.

It is a journey of 100 miles, 100 miles on horseback and 80 miles by wagon.

A startling story has been told to Prof. Carvalho by a guest at the Melrose Hotel here.

It is that while the body found in the Snake River was lying at Sargent's Ranch two bullet wounds were found, showing that death was not caused by drowning as alleged.

Prof. Carvalho does not place much faith in the story, but he says he may disinter the body and have it photographed.

BLACKFOOT, Idaho, Feb. 9.—Amdavita relative to the death of Robert Ray Hamilton have been made by Roman Leggett, Gottlieb Bieri and Christian Aichbacher, who state that they all knew Robert Ray Hamilton in his lifetime and saw him frequently at Marymeyer Ranch, in Wyoming, where Hamilton lived and where they were employed by one John D. Sargent to construct a house.

They say they saw Hamilton almost daily for over two months prior to Aug. 22, upon which day Hamilton left the ranch, saying that he was going down to the South Landing to get a saddle horse and some game. They say Hamilton left the ranch Aug. 22 with his horse, gun and powder dog named Jock.

They say that his last body seen Sept. 8 at the ranch, it having been brought a distance of about twelve miles in a boat from the south fork of Snake River, where Hamilton had been found drowned by John Green and several other men the day previous.

On the day they constructed a coffin of birchbark lumber and dug a grave at the ranch; that on the early morning of Sept. 4 they started to take the body of Hamilton from the boat, placing it in the coffin and interring it in the earth.

They say that all of them saw the dead body of Hamilton and recognized and identified it as being the body of Robert Ray Hamilton, who was killed in a fight with a Russian man-of-war; that up to Oct. 25 the grave had not been disturbed, informants last seeing the grave on that day.

SHE WAS BEATEN TO DEATH. Beekman Charged with the Murder of His Child.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 9.—Samuel S. Beekman, colored, was arrested here this morning, charged with the murder of his daughter Ruby, seven years old.

Beekman is a negro married Jennie Wiley, a good looking white woman twenty-three years old. The couple lived in a small house in Union Township.

CITY NEWS TERSELY TOLD. To-Day's Record of Minor Happenings About Town.

Chronicles Briefly Drawn from Note Book and Docket.

Caught with a Stolen Trunk. John Flannigan, of 545 West Twenty-seventh street, and William Moody, of 129 West Twenty-fifth street, were held at Jefferson Market Court this morning, charged with stealing a trunk from Alexander M. Kelly, of 414 Sixth avenue. They were arrested while carrying the trunk away.

Beauty Charged with Theft. Hannah Bolan, a beautiful brunette, attired in sash and wearing diamond earrings, was held this morning at the Tombs, charged with stealing a watch from John Haggerty, of 555 Washington avenue.

Stabbed a Waiter. John Craig, of 19 Second avenue, was held at Essex Market Court this morning, charged with having stabbed waiter Hugh McNulty in a saloon at 330 Henry during a row.

Ex-Mayor Petry's Will Rejected. Sarragote Vetter, of Queens County, this morning declined to reject the will of ex-Mayor Petry, of Long Island City, which was recently offered for probate and contested by the two daughters. A former will, which names Alvin T. Payne as executor, will now be offered for probate.

Violated the Sunday Law. Joseph Cohen, Harris Nolman and Louis Lieberman were held at Essex Market this morning charged with selling matches and candles yesterday.

Heints's Men Are Paid. The sixty-three members of Commissioner Heints's staff in the Essex District, who have been waiting for their January salary since Feb. 1, were paid today by Comptroller Myers, though their civil service classification had not been approved by the Mayor.

Sad Mishap to a Bluecoat. Policeman Matthew C. Kelly slipped on the ice at 35 East River, at 8 o'clock, his right leg was broken and he was taken to the Gouverneur Hospital.

Navis Held for Trial. James Nevill, of 608 West Thirty-seventh street, was held at Jefferson Market this morning, charged with assaulting Mary Quinn, an Irish girl of eighteen, living in Heintz's Kitchen at Thirty-ninth street and Eleventh avenue.

Oxford Association's Ball To-Night. The seventh annual and civic ball of the Harry E. Oxford Association will be given at Brooklyn Assembly Room, 339 Broome street, this evening.

Department Accounts Under Scrutiny. The Commissioners of Accounts are busily engaged in investigating the books and accounts of the Department of Charities and Correction, the Fire Department, the Police Court, the Chamberlain's office and the office of the City Recorder.

Shot in the Arm at Tremont. Tremont police are searching for George Roma, who shot George Bernheimer of One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street and St. John avenue, in an alley last night, inflicting a severe wound in the left arm.

Knocked Down with a Pitcher. In a quarrel early this morning James Hughes, of 148 Grand street, had his head split open with a pitcher in the hands of Frank Crook, who was arrested.

May Die from Blows and Kicks. Frank Kelly, of 205 East One Hundred and Tenth street, is in a precarious condition at the Presbyterian Hospital, the result, as alleged, of blows and kicks received in an altercation with Patrick Maher, who has avoided arrest.

Struck by a Train. The body of an unknown man, about forty years of age, was found this morning under the trestle of the New York and Susquehanna Railroad at West End, Jersey City. He is supposed to have been struck by the 7 A. M. milk train, and he was killed. John D. Huch, Newark, was found on the body.

He Was Wanted by Byrnes. Seventeen-year-old Edward Dalton, of Fall River, Mass., was arrested at Police Headquarters this morning. He was arrested on the Fall River warrant at his last night by order of Inspector Byrnes.

MYSTERY OF THE L TRAGEDY. Evidence that Somebody Knew It When Whalen Was Killed.

Important Facts Discovered in Col. Hain's Investigation To-Day.

There is a mystery about the death of Daniel Phalen, the car-cleaner, whose body was found in the empty tool-house near the Third Avenue Elevated station at Sixty-seventh street early yesterday morning, which Col. Hain and his assistants are to-day trying hard to solve.

From Coroner Levy's investigation of the matter yesterday it seemed probable that Phalen had been struck by an up-town train as he was getting off the tool-house platform to cross the track at that point, and that after he had been hurt he dragged himself into the empty tool-house, where he lay until he died.

There have been developments in the case to-day, however, which point to a very different conclusion, and which make the circumstances of Phalen's death appear more mysterious than ever.

In the first place, the character of the injuries found upon Phalen's body, and the position in which it lay in the tool-house when discovered by headman Tripp yesterday morning, make it seem very improbable that the dead man could have dragged himself so great a distance from the spot where the accident is supposed to have occurred.

In order to reach the door of the tool-house from the southeast corner of the platform at Sixty-sixth street, he must have traversed nearly thirty-five feet.

This seems impossible for a person who was injured so terribly as Phalen was, for his left leg was crushed and mangled, and there was a gash on the left side of his head which, if it did not fracture his skull and kill him instantly, would have rendered him unconscious.

As he lay on his back in the tool-house both legs crushed, and his arms and hands were laid by his side. His hat, even, was there with him, on a bench at the further end of the room.

If Phalen had recovered consciousness after the fearful mauling he received, and had been able to drag himself half the distance that was necessary in order to reach the door, he would have been able to get out of the tool-house, and he would have been able to get out of the tool-house, and he would have been able to get out of the tool-house.

Why there should have been any consciousness about it is a further mystery, for it seems apparent that Phalen met his death by accident.

It has also been ascertained to-day that Phalen was carrying a bag of tools, and that he was carrying a bag of tools, and that he was carrying a bag of tools, and that he was carrying a bag of tools, and that he was carrying a bag of tools.

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CLERGYMEN AFTER SPOOKS. Eminent Pastors Start a Scientific Test of Spirit Mediums.

Spiritualists in This City Affected to Welcome the Investigation.

The exponents of Spiritualism in this city are in a state of mind to-day. The case is a circular published in Boston and made known to Spiritualists generally for the first time yesterday at Adelphi Hall.

Mrs. M. E. Williams, President of the Adelphi Hall contingent, read the document to her audience. It comprises five pages, headed thus: "Prospectus for the formation of the Psychical Investigation Association, to be composed chiefly of ministers of all denominations, scientific experts, professional men and disciples of different schools of philosophy, co-operating for the scientific investigations of modern Spiritualism."

The object of the pamphlet are men and women of National renown in ecclesiastical and psychological circles, as will be seen by these names: Rev. Dr. Minto J. Savage, Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hall, Rev. Dr. Edward A. Horton, all prominent clergymen of Boston; Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, of Melrose, Mass.; John B. Flower, of the Adelphi Hall, N. Y.; Ernest Alice, of Providence, R. I.; and Rev. Dr. H. Heber Newton, of All Souls' Church, New York.

In brief, the circular proposes an investigation into Spiritualism to ascertain if its teachings be founded on fact or delusion.

The signers express the belief that "modern Spiritualism has become a part of our country, and that it has the power to influence the thought and action of those who believe its teachings. If the world does not know it to be founded on fact or delusion it is not time for truth-loving persons, approaching the subject in a serious frame of mind, to investigate it."

"If it be delusion the contagion has spread far enough and has done damage enough already. If there be truth in it the world will be benefited by the knowledge."

To-day at her residence, 322 West Forty-sixth street, Mrs. M. E. Williams curiously examined the prospectus, and she said that she was not at all surprised to find that the subject was so widely discussed.

Henry J. Newton, of 128 West Forty-third street, who is an active participant in the Adelphi Hall meetings, however, talked freely.

"Most of those at the meeting yesterday," he began, "regarded this circular as an attempt to discredit Spiritualism, and they took upon themselves the presence of doing what has been done over and over again by the best minds in the world."

"Judging from the circular alone, you would think these men and women were entirely ignorant of the fact that the phenomena of Spiritualism have been studied quite as thoroughly by such scientists as Prof. Hare, of London; Prof. Varley, of London, and many others."

"These men were all satisfied that Spiritualism was founded on fact and was not a delusion by any means."

These are the men and women mentioned in the circular are honest and capable, and in fact are already Spiritualists. In the investigation that they propose they would acknowledge collectively what they all individually believe and yet fear to publicly and individually acknowledge."

It now seems more the appearance of a man, and he is welcomed as a co-operative investigation by so many trustworthy persons, sure that it would only result in strengthening spiritual science.

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SOME VALENTINES. NO. IV.



A RIGHT SMART MAGICIAN YOU ARE, J. G. B. TO SO EASILY CHANGE, WITH INTENTION DESIGN, THE AWFUL FREE TRADE TO RECIPROCITY—O, YOU REALLY MUST BE MY DEAR VALENTINE.

OUT OF A LIVING GRAVE. THE WEST'S BIG BLIZZARD.

Nanticoke's Imprisoned Miners Rescued by Brave Comrades.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) NANTICOKE, Pa., Feb. 9.—John Kinet, William Kinet and Michael Shalank, the miners imprisoned in No. 2 Slope grand tunnel, on last Wednesday by a deluge of water which broke upon them from an abandoned working, were found alive this morning at about 3 o'clock, and at 7 o'clock they were carried from the mine to their homes.

They were found by the gang of rescuers at the top of a cross heading, the highest point they could reach, and which was only six feet above the elevation reached by the flood.

Here they had waited in darkness and gloom, but not without hope, for rescue.

"They could hear the throbbing of the great pumps, 600 feet away."

It was not until after 5 o'clock this morning that George Beidel managed to float upon a raft across the water which yet filled the bottom of the main gangway.

The imprisoned men heard him as he reached the side they were on, and faintly came the cry to him: "We are up here, all alive and waiting for you."

Beidel took up the long shout and sent it across the water in thrilling measure: "The men are found! They are alive! Alive! Alive!"

Two other hardy miners, Anthony Jones and William Bowen, at once plunged into the murky slush, wading and swimming to the other side, and soon others followed them.

The men were rescued and brought out of the heading to the main gangway.

Milk was given to them as nourishment, and at 5 o'clock they were carried upon the shoulders of the rescuers across the water.

LAST EDITION. THE JURY DISCHARGED.

Judge Benedict Summarily Stops the Trial of James A. Simmons.

An Exciting Scene in the United States Circuit Court.

Juror Goodnow Declares that He Never Knew Simmons in His Life.

Judge Benedict's criminal part of the United States Circuit Court was put to rest this morning by the discharge of the jury in the case of James A. Simmons, charged with wrecking the Sixth National Bank.

When Judge Benedict, last Friday morning, suddenly adjourned the trial Mr. Mitchell said that it was because of the discovery of certain facts required to be investigated.

Everybody was as silent as a clam about these facts, but the mystery finally cleared, and it was found that a man named Charles Ward, a broker at 128 Park avenue, had informed United States District Attorney Mitchell that he had recognized in Simmons and the eleven juror, William E. Goodnow, former-tenant of office at 128-127 Broadway; that in 1884 Simmons had Rooms A and B, and Goodnow Room C, and that he, Ward, had frequently seen Simmons and Goodnow talking together during the three or four months of Goodnow's tenancy of room C at Broadway.

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